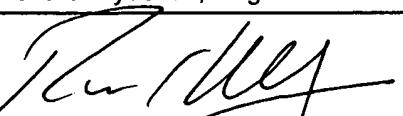


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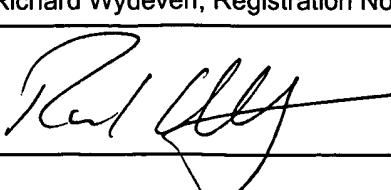
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and the Preliminary
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